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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 7, line 62, "of equalization" should read --of optical equalization--

Column 7, line 64, "communications network" should read --an optical communications network--

Column 8, line 4, "M data signals." should read -- M data signals, such that optical performance variations between the N channels of the link are equalized by averaging within each of the M data signals.--

Column 9, line 2, "link of communications" should read --link of an optical communications--

Column 10, line 11, "of communications" should read --of an optical communications--

Column 10, line 19, "M data signals." should read --M data signals, such that optical performance variations between the N channels of the link are equalized by averaging within each of the M data signals.--

Column 12, line 14, "N channels," should read --N channels as a composite data stream,--

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Column 12, line 15, "comprising," should read --comprising:

a) means for dividing each composite data-stream to recover respective sub-streams of each data signal; and

b) means for interleaving respective recovered sub-streams of each data signal to recover each one of the M data signals.--

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